

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 4.59 ha Protected forest land in compartment number PF 334 of Mauganj Forest Range, Rewa Forest Division for Harrai Gujran Stone Quarry lease in favour of M/s Swami Nityanand Ji Maharaj Stones under Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No FP/MP/MIN/152432/2022)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF- cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/835/2022/10-11/1469 dated 16.05.2025 on the above mentioned subject and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. The State Govt. vide their letter dt. 16.05.2025 has informed that user agency will develop a safety zone/green belt of 7.5 meters around the proposed area. Moreover as per component wise details mentioned in online Part-I it has been reported that an area of 0.57 ha out of total proposed forest area of 4.59 ha has been earmarked for safety zone. However as per DSS analysis report it has been reported that the user agency has uploaded the KML file of safety zone in line feature instead of polygon and the same cannot be examined with the help of GIS tool. Therefore the State Govt. needs to submit the KML file of safety zone in polygon form.
- ii. The instant mine has been proposed to be worked upon by mechanized mining with implementation of Open-cast technology and w.r.t the status of muck disposal plan the State Govt. has informed that the user agency has submitted that the debris generated from the project will be dumped in the revenue area by purchasing private land. No additional forest area apart from the proposed site will be affected. However, as per the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 muck (mine waste or overburden) generated during mining operations must be disposed of within the mining lease area, preferably on non-mineralized areas and on impervious ground to prevent environmental damage. Disposal outside the lease area is generally not permitted. This needs comments from the State

Mineral Resource Department.

- iii. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that w.r.t location of the mine and on examination of the revised KML file of the proposed forest land as per reply received from the State Govt. letter dated 16.05.2025, it has been observed that the location of the proposed mine have been changed w.r.t. to the location of mine as was found uploaded in the original proposal. This needs clarification whether such change of location of mine is as per approved mining plan and further the location of the mine needs confirmation from the State Mineral Resource Department.
- iv. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that a small part of the CA over Non-forest land proposed in the instant proposal is found overlapping with CA over Non-forest proposed in another proposal (2.21 ha FP/MP/MIN/152429/2022) of same user agency. The State Govt. shall examine the matter and ensure that requisite CA land free from all encumbrances is provided.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by
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Date: 27-06-2025
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(Suneet Bhardwaj)
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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.